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EXPORT OF ARMS/AMMUNITIONS/DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arms/ammunitions and defence equipments exported during 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;

(b) whether any target has been fixed by the Government to increase the exports during 2005-2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken/to be taken by the Government to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) During the year 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence PSUs have exported some of their products like helicopters, helicopter and aircraft spares, spares of rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipments, night Vision devices, bollard pull tug, components and sub systems etc., mainly to countries in Asia and Africa worth US $ (Million) 45.22, 93.69 and 58.67 (upto February 2005).

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A target of US $ (Million) 100 has been fixed.

(d) The steps taken to promote exports include − participation in international defence exhibitions, organizing biennial international exhibitions namely DEFEXPO and AERO INDIA, distribution of Catalogues and CDs on Indian Defence Products through Indian Embassies, mobilizing involvement of India's Missions abroad in procuring orders for export and pursuing trade enquiries and interaction with foreign delegates/visitors.